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1. The president of the municipal government of Sofia is Dimitur Popov. This position is at the ministerial level. Popov is assisted by five vice presidents, each of which acts as director of one of the five subordinate sections.

2. [] two of the vice presidents:

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a. Veselin Georgiev, former colonel or general, commander of the Sofia Palace prior to 1944; and

b. Manol Stoinov.

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3. The city hall is organized into five sections, of which [] the following:

a. First section: Hotels and Lodgings; Manol Stoinov, vice president of the Council of Ministers is the head of this section; and

b. Second section: Public Transportation, Sanitation, and Cemeteries.

4. The first section is subdivided into separate units for hotels and lodgings. All hotels in Sofia have been nationalized, with the exception of the Hotel Bulgaria which is used by Balkanturist, the official tourist organization, for accommodating foreign officials who are members of missions, delegations, and diplomatic representations. The hotel subsection controls 15 hotels, which have a total of 1,500 beds. All of these hotels are for civilian use; none are reserved for Bulgarian or Soviet military personnel. Only the Slavyanska Beseda Hotel, located at No. 116 Rakovska Street at the corner of Slavyanska Street, is reserved exclusively for Soviet citizens residing in Sofia or transiting the city. The hotel sub-section employs only 18 clerks. About 300 persons are employed in the various hotels, which are directly subordinate to the subsection; this includes managers, servants, porters, telephone operators, clerks, cooks, etc.

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